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800 KILLED IN FIRST BIG BATTLE; EUROPE'S FATE WITH GERMANY

ENGLAND RELINQUISHES HOPE; RUSHES WAR PREPARATIONS

BEFORE END OF WEEK BRITISH ARMY WILL AT FULL WAR STRENGTH, RESERVES BEING SUMMONED BY WIRE.

GOVERNMENT ASSUMES CONTROL OF AQUITANIA FOR TRANSPORT PURPOSES

Small Boats in Chinese Waters Are Dismantled to Prevent Capture by Germans and Crews Added to Battleships—German Troops Taken From Tientsin.

London, July 30.—The last ray of hope of avoiding a general European conflagration seems to have vanished. Apparently nothing short of Divine intervention can avert the sword now unsheathed.

Great Britain has been dragged into the embroilment against her will, but accepting the inevitable, this government has acted swiftly.

Secret mobilization of troops, both regular and irregular, is now being carried out. All army reservists, that is, the men who have finished their time but who are still on the reserve list—have been summoned by wire to join their colors.

Many of them already are entraining for their regiments. Thousands will do so before the end of the week and by Monday next the British army will be at full war strength. Fortunately, the training of the territorials who are younger men than the volunteers, begins here next Saturday, when 65,000 of them will be under canvas for a fortnight encampment.

These men were all notified today that they would be required to take into camp with them a full mobilization kit.

Other important developments included the rushing of coal on day and night schedules to the principal naval ports. The government also exercised its right of option on the latest and greatest Cunard, the Aquitania, for transport purposes, and warned the Cunard line not to let her depart again until leave had been given. The Aquitania now lies at Liverpool, where she recently arrived from New York.

Other English shipping lines, including the Furness company, have been similarly warned not to allow their boats, at present lying in British ports, to depart without leave.

British Fleet at Malta.

Malta, July 30.—The British fleet is now assembling at this point, and its early arrival was unexpected. Great excitement prevailed throughout the island. Mobilization of troops was ordered here last night, either as a test of preparedness in the event of matters suddenly becoming critical, or as an actual measure of defensive precaution. In the dead of night, men ashore were summoned to their ships and the rumbling of wagons went on without interruption throughout the night. Austrians recalled to their colors for service, left here last night.

Nobody knows what to think of the situation, for reports published in the newspapers and cables from Sicily and Southern Italy are increasing the prevailing tension.



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The war office exercised its right to take all the horses belonging to Messrs. Thomas and Pilling, the great firm of carriers, numbering several thousand. Work at the arsenal is proceeding with feverish haste day and night, while big government supply concerns are equally active.

Dismantle Boats in China.

London, July 30.—Great significance is attached to a cable dispatch from Hankow, stating that the British gunboats Snipe, Woodcock and Kinsha have been dismantled there by orders from the admiralty. It is understood that these and other small gunboats in Chinese waters are being dismantled to prevent their capture by the German fleet in the event of war. The crews of the abandoned gunboats are being sent to Hong Kong and Wei Hai Wei to defend those possessions against a possible German attack.

Increase Fighting Strength.

Hankow, China, July 30.—The intention of the British naval authorities is to use the British bluejackets who abandoned the small gunboats here in strengthening the war crews of the larger British warships at the China stations. The small warships were used against pirates. The British fleet here is much superior to Germany's.

German Tientsin Guard to Leave.

Peking, China, July 31.—German troops which are now used at Tientsin guard are ready to march to Tientsin, which is expected to be attacked by the British fleet if war is declared. Americans and Japanese troops alone are left to protect foreigners in the event of a native uprising.

ENGLISH FACTIONS UNITE.

Facing Great Crisis, All Party Differences Forgotten.

London, July 30.—In the house of commons today, Premier Asquith spoke of the extreme gravity of the situation. When announcing to the house the postponement of the second reading to amend the Irish home rule bill, he said:

"We meet today under conditions of gravity which are almost paralleled in the lives of any of us."

"The issues of peace and war are hanging in the balance, and with us is the risk of a catastrophe of which it is impossible to measure either the dimensions or the effects."

"In these circumstances it is of vital importance in the interests of the whole world that this country, which has no interest of its own directly present a united front and be able to speak and act with authority as an individual nation."

"If we were to proceed today with the amending bill, we should inevitably—unless the debate were conducted in an artificial tone—be involved in acute controversies in regard to the domestic difficulties whose importance to ourself none is disposed to belittle."

"I need not say more than that such a use of our time at such a moment have may a lasting injurious effect on the international situation."

"Mr. Bonar Law, leading of the opposition, shares to the full the views I have expressed, we, therefore, purpose to postpone for the present the second reading of the amending bill without prejudice to its future, in the hope that the patriotism of all parties will contribute to what lies in our power if not to avert, at least to circumscribe—the calamity which threatens the whole world."

Mr. Asquith's reference to all parties rallying to the support of the government were heartily cheered by all the members.

WEATHER.
Generally fair Friday and Saturday.

Servians Hurrying to Enlist and Type of Servian Fighting Men



Above is shown a picture of Servian workmen who dropped their tools when the first rumors of a possible war with Austria were spread, and hurried to the military offices to enlist as volunteers. The fact that workmen repairing the streets of Belgrade did not even stop to put their tools away before hurrying off to enlist illustrates the intense patriotism and warlike spirit of the people. At the left is shown a Servian infantryman. He is of the type that will bear the brunt of the fighting in the present conflict.

DIPLOMATIC ATTITUDE OF THE POWERS.

Austria—Refuses to parley with Servia.
Servia—Prepares to resist invasion and looks to Russia for aid.
Russia—Mobilizes and serves unofficial notice that Austria must not invade Servia.

Italy—Assures Austria she will abide by terms of triple alliance, meaning she will help Austria if Russia aids Servia.

Germany—Seeks to localize the conflict by inducing Russia to hold aloof, but unofficially announces she will aid Austria if Russia helps Servia.

France—Holds army and navy in readiness and prepared for counter-attack on Germany in event of latter entering conflict.

England—Urges Germany, France and Italy to mediate, but in meantime makes every preparation for striking quickly in event Germany takes hand.

Vatican—Pleads with Franz Joseph not to stain last years of his reign with blood.

RAILROAD STRIKE UNLESS WILSON CAN AVERT IT

Conferees Will Go to Washington for Conference Saturday.

Chicago, July 30.—President Wilson intervened today to avert a strike of 55,000 locomotive engineers and firemen on ninety-eight western railroads, a strike that would affect 50,000,000 directly and the entire United States indirectly.

The United States board of mediation and conciliation telegraphed the president its efforts to induce the employees and railroads to arbitrate had failed.

"Unless you bring about arbitration a great strike will be called," the mediators wired the president.

President Wilson telegraphed the request that before further action was taken representatives of both sides go to Washington and meet him in the white house Saturday morning for a conference. When his request was presented to the engineers and firemen and the railroad officials it was agreed to at once, and arrangements made for the trip.

Commissioner Chambers and Judge Knapp left tonight. They will take part in the white house conference.

The mediators gave up all hope of bringing about arbitration today. The engineers and firemen had insisted upon their demands being the only question arbitrated. The railroad officials contended that would not be fair, as they had grievances that warranted an arbitration board to consider.

The mediators tried for five days to get the contending parties together and then confessed it was impossible.

G. W. W. Hanger, assistant commissioner of labor and will remain in Chicago to meet any emergency that may arise.

Will Reorganize Bank.

Little Rock, July 31.—Tentative plans are being considered for the reorganization of the State National bank, which failed several weeks ago. Since the report of the national bank examiner that it is in a solvent condition, the public has regained much of its confidence in the institution and those behind it. Its affairs are now in the hands of a liquidating committee.

Butchers of Buffalo, N. Y., have been aroused by the Sunday activities of some grocery stores which handle meat, and the Butchers' Union has appealed to Superintendent Regan of the police department to stop the practice.

WILL FORECLOSE LIENS HELD BY PINE BLUFF BANK

Commissioner Pugh Gets Authority to Proceed With Collections.

Authority to prosecute suits for foreclosure of liens on property mortgaged as security for loans extended by the Bank of Pine Bluff was yesterday given by Chancellor J. M. Elliott to R. E. Pugh, special deputy state bank commissioner, in charge of the affairs of the institution which closed its doors on July 3. Commissioner Pugh is also authorized to redeem collateral given by the bank as security for loans, the petition of the commissioner stating that it is greatly to the advantage of the bank to redeem these securities as they represent a value greatly in excess of the amount of the loans.

The ruling gives the commissioner right to institute action in any court to force payment of notes due the bank. The petition specifies that personal property, such as horses, mules, cattle, etc., would bring a cash sum which would add in the liquidation of the bank's assets and the payment of its debts. Any legal action necessary to collect on the mortgages is given the commissioner. The ruling will result in a large number of suits to collect on notes held by the bank, many of which are not endorsed.

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STOCK MARKET REFLECTS WAR

Bankers Decide to Open New York Exchange Today as Usual.

New York, July 30.—At a conference of the representatives of the banking firm of Morgan & company and members of the Stock exchange held in J. P. Morgan's office this afternoon, it was decided to open the Stock exchange tomorrow morning as usual. The bankers in consultation with the members of the exchange, representing institutions with deposits of more than half a billion dollars and having surplus and profits of about 75 millions. The conference was held after a nerve-racking session of the Stock exchange in which about 1,300,000 shares of stock were thrown on the market, smashing prices from 5 to 20 points and establishing new low record prices.

At the conclusion of the conference one of the bankers said the meeting had been called "for the purpose of comparing cablesgrams," but this was accepted as a technical reason for rumors current when the market closed today stating that the exchange would probably be closed tomorrow owing to the enormity and severity of the wave of liquidation in progress.

Another banker who attended the conference said there was nothing to the talk that clearing house certificates would be issued.

LITTLE ROCK MEN PREPARE FOR WAR

Greeks, Servians and Austrians Ready to Respond to Calls of Their Countries.

Little Rock, July 30.—Local Greeks, Servians and Austrians are preparing to return to their father lands to join the armies that are mobilizing for what threatens to become one of the greatest wars of many years. Many of the Greeks will be accompanied by their families.

WILLIAMS RECOVERING.

Young St. Louisan Who Collapsed on Street Resting Well at Hospital.

Will Williams, the young white man who suffered a convulsion Tuesday night on Pine street between Barraque and Second avenue, is reported to be doing nicely at the Davis hospital, where he was taken for treatment. Mr. Williams came to Pine Bluff Tuesday morning from East St. Louis, his home. He came here in search of work.

2000 SERVIAN ARE MADE PRISONERS BY AUSTRIANS

ONLY WEAK FORCE OF SERVIAN ON DANUBE, MAIN STRENGTH BEING CONCENTRATED TO OPPOSE MOVEMENT AGAINST NISH.

RUSSIA WILL STRIKE UPON RECEIPT OF AUSTRIA'S NOTE

Anticipating That Russia Will Begin Operations Today, Germany Has Mobilized Its Forces to Aid Austria, and Will Be Signal for General Conflict.

600 Servians and 200 Austrians Slain in First Battle.
Vienna, July 30.—Report reaches here tonight that 2,000 Servians are held as prisoners of war as a result of the first big battle, which was fought early today on the Bohemia frontier, near Foltza. Six hundred Servians and 200 Austrians were killed in this engagement, according to unofficial figures from the front.

It seems certain that the Servians are holding the Danube line only with a weak force, and massing their main forces between Kraguevatz and Krushevat, on the line of the Morava river.

Paris, July 30.—Short of an actual declaration of war between two groups of European powers, the situation tonight could not be worse. In grim silence the whole of Europe is arming to meet the shock of war which only a miracle can now avert.

No news whatever concerning the military preparations which are being carried on at this very moment in every country of the old world with feverish activity is allowed to be published on this side, but it is an indisputable fact that Russia has ordered a complete mobilization.

Germany has followed suit since Wednesday, and England this morning "secretly" commenced preparations on such a scale as to be in position to be ready for any movement her Teutonic rival may make.

As for Italy her part in the impending general war remains a mystery. The government has issued an order prohibiting the acceptance of telegrams from newspaper correspondents, dealing with the movement of troops or warships, but authoritative private message received from the frontier show that the people are extremely hostile to Italy's participation in behalf of Austria.

The entire peninsula is indignant at the brutality with which her one-time oppressor has attacked Servia and will refuse to support her if called upon. The Socialists are running a strong anti-war campaign, and insist that Italy stand absolutely neutral.

Meanwhile, urgent orders have been issued to the Italian fleet to concentrate at Chiati and all naval materials have been recalled from leave. No apparent extraordinary measures have yet been taken in regard to Italy plans for war.

France's preparations are so far limited to "absolute readiness for mobilization," and military experts believe that such preparations have been carried out so thoroughly that in case of need her army could be on a war footing in all strategic points in considerable less than the eleven days supposedly required for such work. Not a single reservist, however, has received mobilization orders so far.

The French government, in fact, is making a special point to give Germany no incentive whatever for hostile action, and is seeking to prevent the occurrence of any incident, which however small and negligible at any other time, might now be the spark to fire the mine.

Despite the outside calm, the intensity was on the breaking point tonight and opinion in the highest quarters here is that European peace now hangs on a perilously thin thread and depends solely on whether the German emperor is disposed to summon Austria to moderation.

The German war lord is now weighing reasons for and against rushing Europe into the melting pot. While Emperor William, on whom at this moment rests the whole responsibility, is taking counsel with the best statesmen of the German empire, the war party in Vienna is preventing Emperor Francis Joseph from coming into contact with the peace makers. The Austrian military party is keeping the emperor completely isolated.

AUSTRIA CROSSES DANUBE.

Semlin, Hungary, July 30.—The Austro-Hungarian army has crossed

the Danube at a point about thirty miles east of Belgrade on the river Save, ten miles south of Belgrade.

Belgrade itself has been captured and is now occupied by Austrian troops. The Austrian force which invaded Servia at Semindria is advancing along the road which leads to Osipianka and ultimately to Nish, the present seat of the Servian government. The occupation of Belgrade was carried out without serious difficulty. The invading troops crossed the river partly by means of remnants of the railroad bridge, which was blown by the Servians and partly by a pontoon bridge constructed under the cover of the railroad bridge.

As the Austrians approach the Servian capital from the south they met with some resistance, but this was overcome and the attacking force advanced up a steep hill, driving the Servians before them.

The Servians retreated partly along the road leading to Grooa and partly along the road leading to Popovich. The losses on both sides appear to have been comparatively light.

RUSSIA MAY STRIKE TODAY.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—The entire Russian army is mobilized and hostile preparations will begin tomorrow immediately upon receipt of Austria's declaration of war, which is expected here with certainty within a few hours.

The enthusiasm of the whole population is indescribable. The nation is united as to a man, racial differences have been forgotten even among the Jews and Finns. All are fired with unprecedented patriotism and are eagerly awaiting the czar's request to cross the frontier.

The strictest censorship exists and only the briefest news messages couched in conventional language have a chance to reach their destination.

Russians Given Passports.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—It is reported tonight that the Russian ambassador at Vienna was handed his passport this morning.

Germans Moving Toward France.

London, July 30.—A number of English students arrived here today. One who came from Bonn, on the Rhine, said that between that town and Cologne the train in which he was traveling passed eight trains loaded with German soldiers going toward the French frontier.

Railroads Against Foolhardiness.

Little Rock, July 30.—The Iron Mountain railroad does not tolerate some of the innocent pranks of Cupid's retainers. A wedding party discovered that fact today when they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Newlywed to the Iron Mountain station, prepared to shower them with rice upon their departure. They were rudely prevented by the depot policeman from proceeding with their plans, being informed that such antics were not permitted there.

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